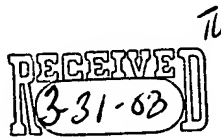


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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002.

Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be reconsidered in view of the Amendment and Remarks that follow, that the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

In the Claims

Please add new claims 36-42. Claims 23-24 are amended herein, as marked up in

Appendix A. Currently pending claims 10-42 for consideration by the Examiner are as follows:

10. A method for producing a unitary storage medium, comprising the steps of:

providing at least two mutually logically conforming sub-TOCs for the same track area in

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